GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4877
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IRREGULARITIES IN TOBACCO BOARD
KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Tobacco Growers Association has brought to the notice of the Government about irregularities in Tobacco Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed to get the matter probed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) : No, Sir. No irregularities have been reported in the Tobacco Board by the Andhra Pradesh Tobacco Growers` Association. However, the Virginia Tobacco Growers` Association, Guntur, has alleged that certain irregularities took place during the Karnataka auctions of 2000. .

(c) :Enquiries have already been conducted by the Tobacco Board into these allegations. These enquiries have not revealed any evidence of irregularities by Board officials.